

2017 NPS Grant Program Solicitation Notice

September 9, 2016

FOR CLEAN WATER ACT §319(h) NONPOINT SOURCE & TIMBER REGULATION AND FOREST RESTORATION FUND GRANTS

**CONCEPT PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS ARE
DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is accepting applications for the 2017 Nonpoint Source Grant Program, supported by funds from Clean Water Act § 319(h) and the state Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund. Table 1 shows the schedule for selecting projects.

The 2017 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) were adopted by the State Water Board on September 7, 2016. The Guidelines describe program preferences, eligibility requirements, application process and instructions, project selection criteria, and the grant award process.

All applicants requesting funds from the 2017 Nonpoint Source Grant Program must submit a complete electronic concept proposal by **5:00 pm on Monday, October 10, 2016**, using the State Water Board's online Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (Financial Application Tool) at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>.

Applicants are encouraged to submit the application early to avoid problems during submission. **Partial or late applications will not be accepted.** To be considered complete, the concept proposal must include all of the attachments listed in Table 2. For guidance on what information needs to be included in each attachment, please see the 2017 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Guidelines attached.

Table 1: Project Selection Schedule	
➤ Invite applicants to submit concept proposals in FAAST.	September 9, 2016
➤ Applicants submit concept proposals to the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. <i>Concept proposals submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the due date will not be reviewed or considered for funding.</i>	October 10, 2016
➤ Review Panel (comprised of representatives from State Water Board, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and US EPA) selects candidates to submit full proposals.	November 18, 2016
➤ Full proposal application period opens.	December 9, 2016
➤ Full proposal application period ends.	January 20, 2017
➤ Review Panel selects recommended candidates for funding and submits recommendation to State Water Board Executive Director for approval.	March 10, 2017

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Table 2: Checklist for Completing the Concept Proposal	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concept Proposal Narrative (Label as Attachment A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concept Proposal Maps (Label as Attachment B)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concept Proposal Budget Table (Label as Attachment C) (see NPS funding website, http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.shtml)
Attachments <u>must</u> conform to the following formatting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PDF submittals must be formatted as letter-size paper (8.5" x 11")• Single-spaced• One inch (1-inch) margins• Standard size 11 font or larger	

For further assistance on the NPS Grant Program, please contact: Jodi Pontureri, (916) 341-5306, jodi.pontureri@waterboards.ca.gov.

For questions about the State Water Board's Financial Application Tool, please call (866) 434-1083 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or email faast_admin@waterboards.ca.gov.